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Later tonight Finnish radio will announce acceptance by President Paasikivi of 17th August invitation by Marshall Voroshilov visit Moscow as guest of Soviet Praesidium. Invitation to Paasikivi after referring to "firm basis for good friendly and neighborly relations" made possible by Friendship Pact of 1948, contains following paragraph "during your stay in Moscow it would be possible to exchange views as to the measures which would be desirable in order further to strengthen the friendship and collaboration already existing between our countries". Paasikivi in reply endorsed friendship sentiments in Soviet invitation on August 25th and accepted invitation "with satisfaction". He departs Moscow September 15th. In consonance with phrase in invitation expressing pleasure of Soviet Praesidium in "receiving all the persons accompanying you" Paasikivi plans take Kekkonen Skog Svento (former Foreign Minister), Seppala and Koskimies (presidential physician).

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